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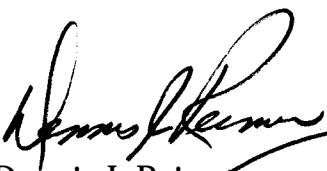


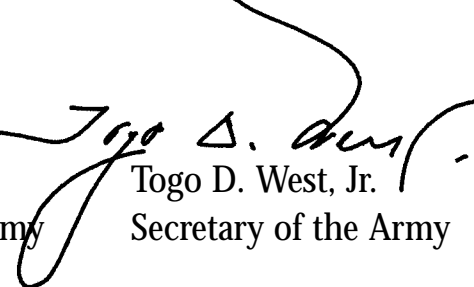
***FORCE OF DECISION
...CAPABILITIES FOR
THE 21st CENTURY***

This White Paper, ***Force of Decision***, describes the enduring purpose of our Army in a period of epoch-making change. Our Army will perform a wide array of missions, but the purposes for which we must remain trained and ready have not changed since 1775—to compel our nation's enemies, to deter potential enemies, to reassure our friends and allies, and, in crisis, to support the nation. While our purposes may remain unchanged, Army capabilities must not. Warfare is changing; we must stay in front of that change to be the Nation's force of decision.

Our country's treasure, its sons and daughters in Army green, working in concert with the other services, remains prepared to do whatever the country asks. When we are needed, we are there.

Soldiers are our credentials.


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